

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 97-077-C AND 97-078-C - ORDER NO. 97-863

OCTOBER 13, 1997

IN RE: Docket No. 97-077-C - Request of GTE)	ORDER
South, Inc. (formerly Contel) for)	GRANTING
Revisions to its General Exchange Tariff)	CONTINUANCES
deleting Public Coin Telephones &)	
Semi-Public Coin Telephones and adding)	
Answer Supervision and Customer-Owned)	
Pay Telephone (COPT) Coin Line Service to)	
Comply with FCC Report & Order,)	
CC DN 96-128 and FCC Order No. 96-439.)	
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AND)	
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Docket No. 97-078-C - Request of GTE)	
South, Inc. for Revisions to its General)	
Customer Services Tariff deleting Public)	
Coin Telephones and Semi-Public Coin)	
Telephones and adding Answer Supervision)	
and Customer-Owned Pay Telephone (COPT))	
Coin Line Service to comply with FCC)	
Report and Order, CC DN 96-128 and FCC)	
Order No. 96-439.)	

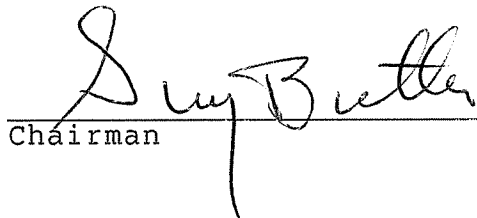
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). SCPCA asks that the pre-filing of testimony and hearing in the present cases be postponed until after the Commission has issued final Orders in the unbundled network element (UNE) cost proceeding (Docket No. 97-374-C) and the universal service proceeding (Docket No. 97-239-C). The basis for said Motion is that, in essence, the

final Orders in these proceedings will have a direct bearing on the issues in the present cases. Although we have issued an Order in Docket No. 97-239-C, Petitions for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration and/or Clarification have been filed, which have yet to be addressed by this Commission. We have issued no merits Order in Docket No. 97-374-C, since we have not had the opportunity to hold a hearing in the case.


We agree with SCPCA that the resultant Orders in the two Dockets mentioned above will have a direct bearing on the cases herein. Accordingly, we grant the Motion for continuance of the hearing, and suspend the deadlines for the filing of testimony and exhibits until further Order of the Commission. We do hold, however, that both GTE South Carolina, Inc. and GTE South, Inc. are eligible to receive dial around compensation.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director
(SEAL)